



# Ohio County Farm & Home News

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## BEEF MARKET UPDATE & BCQA TRAINING – MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>



As we get started into 2023, we will have a “Beef Market Update & BCQA Training” next Wednesday evening March 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 6:00 p.m., at the Ohio Co. Extension Center.

We will have Dr. Kenny Burdine, Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist, discuss the current market conditions and what he expects beef markets to do throughout 2023.

At the conclusion of his discussion, I will provide a Beef Cattle Quality Assurance (BCQA) training for any producers needing re-certification or to be certified for the first time. Remember, BCQA practices are essential management skills for all beef producers to use in their operations, so we may assure consumers that our products are the most consistent, safest, most wholesome beef products in the world.

For those planning to participate in the CAIP program this year, if you are cost-sharing in the “Large Animal” category you must have a current BCQA certification. So, this will be an opportunity to get that taken care of. There is a \$5 fee for the BCQA training.

## PESTICIDE SAFETY EDUCATION – MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>

The first opportunity the renew your pesticide safety education certification, will be Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. till noon. The program will be held at the Ohio Co. Extension Center on Clay St. in Hartford.

For many years the ‘Pesticide Safety Education Training’ was considered only for people using restricted-use pesticides, but with today’s pesticide products all pesticide users should attend the training. Pesticide products are safer than they have ever been, but if not used properly, they can be harmful to not only the user, but the environment, as well.

So, check your cards to be sure you have a valid certification for 2023, if you need to purchase restricted-use pesticides.

Pesticide Safety  
Education Program



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Cards expire on December 31 of the year of expiration. The “Pesticide Safety Education” is

free and open to anyone wanting to attend.

## UPCOMING BULL SALES

We are coming up on one of the most important times for cow/calf producers – bull sales!!!

The right decisions in bull selection will determine the success of your herd for many years – short term in quality feeder calves and long term in the replacement females.

Here are some upcoming bull sales to consider:

- Union Co. Bull Sale – February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Union Co. Fairgrounds in Sturgis. The sale starts at

1:00 p.m. The sale includes 30 bulls representing Angus, Sim/Angus, Charolais and Gelbvieh breeds. All bulls have a BSE within 45 of the sale and have genomically enhanced EPD's.

- Kentucky-Tennessee Cowman's Kind Bull Sale – March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ky-TN Livestock Market in Guthrie. The sale starts at Noon. The sale includes 20+ bulls representing Angus, Balancers, Black Hereford, Gelbvieh, Herford, Sim/Angus, and Simmental breeds.
- Pleasant Hills Farms/Early March Madness Bull & Heifer Sale – February 25<sup>th</sup> at the United Producers Regional Livestock Market in Bowling Green. The sale starts at 1:30 p.m. The sale includes 88 bulls of Angus, Simmental, and Sim/Angus breeding. Also, they will have 50 commercial heifers for sale.

These are just some of the many bull sales occurring this spring. If you need more information, contact the Ohio Co. Extension Office.

## TOMATO GRAFTING WORKSHOP – MARCH 14

Grafting tomatoes to improve disease resistance is a growing trend. If you are interested in learning how to graft tomatoes, the Muhlenberg Co. Extension Office is hosting a "Tomato Grafting Workshop" on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.



Participation is limited to 40 participants, so you must pre-register to attend. To register, visit [bit.ly/3YdCTDQ](https://bit.ly/3YdCTDQ)

or email [kathryn.pettigrew@uky.edu](mailto:kathryn.pettigrew@uky.edu)

## KY DEPT. OF AG – NUISANCE WEED SPRAYING PROGRAM

Each spring the Ky Dept. of Agriculture coordinates a nuisance weed control program for Kentucky producers. Under the program, a producer can spray 10 acres of pasture/haylands for weeds having a negative impact, such as thistles or buttercup. The KDA provides

the chemical and boomless sprayer and the producer must provide the tractor, water and labor for spraying.

There is a maximum of seven participants allowed per county. Participants may only apply every 36 months. To apply, go to the KDA's nuisance weed website at :

<https://www.kyagr.com/consumer/nuisance-weed-spraying-program-application.aspx>

You can only apply from February 1 thru February 28<sup>th</sup>.

## THERE'S STILL TIME TO BE COUNTED IN THE 2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has extended data collection for the 2022 Census of Agriculture through the spring to ensure all farmers and ranchers take advantage of the opportunity to be represented in the widely used data. It's not too late to respond online at [agcounts.usda.gov](https://agcounts.usda.gov) or by mail.

Census data inform decisions about policy, farm and conservation programs, infrastructure and rural development, research, education, and more. This is your opportunity to be heard through the ag census and help shape the future of American ag. Whether you farm thousands of acres or a rooftop, the most important thing is that you are counted. Respond today and learn more at [nass.usda.gov/AgCensus](https://nass.usda.gov/AgCensus).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 15-18 – National Farm Machinery Show; Louisville
- Feb. 16 – G.R. CPH Sale; Kentuckiana Livestock Market; 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 20-21 – Heart of America Grazing Conference; Ferdinand Community Center, Ferdinand, IN
- Feb. 21 – Ky Alfalfa & Stored Forage Conference; Cave City Convention Center
- Feb. 21&22 – Mid-South Stocker Conference; WKU Ag Expo Center, Bowling Green
- March 1 – Beef Market Update & BCQA Training; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 6:00 p.m.
- March 3 – Pesticide Safety Certification; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 9:00 a.m. until noon